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PRIORITY -- SECRET -- GENSER MESSAGE -- 6809 CHARACTERS
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OBJ: IPAC DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 21-85 (U)
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1) THIS SUMMARY CONTAINS FOUR ITEMS:

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(3) (S/NOFORN) CHINA: 1984 ARMS SALES.

(S/NOFORN) PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS INDICATES THAT CHINESE ARMS SALES FOR 1984 AMOUNTED TO ABOUT [REDACTED]. THIS REPRESENTS A CONTINUATION OF THE DRAMATIC DECREASE IN THE COUNTRY'S ARMS TRANSACTIONS SINCE ITS RECORD HIGH OF NEARLY [REDACTED]. THE PRIMARY REASONS CAUSING THIS TREND ARE PROBABLY TIED TO GENERAL COMPETITION AND EQUIPMENT SATURATION OF MAJOR CUSTOMERS.

(S/NOFORN) BEIJING'S EXPLOITATION OF THE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE POPULARITY OF CHINESE ARMS LARGELY REFLECTS THEIR SIMPLICITY, RELIABILITY, AND INEXPENSIVE PRICE TAGS. SHIPMENTS HAVE INCLUDED:

[REDACTED]
(S/NOFORN) DESPITE THE RECENT DOWNTURN IN CHINESE ARMS SALES, BEIJING WILL CONTINUE TO ADVERTISE ITS ARMS FOR SALE ABROAD AND ATTEMPT TO EXPLOIT TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY SUCH AS [REDACTED]. THIS IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ACQUIRE FOREIGN CAPITAL AND TECHNOLOGY FOR ITS MODERNIZATION PROGRAM.

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(4) (C/NOFORN) [REDACTED]